

Department of Permits Approvals and Inspections
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

September 23, 2011

Terry & John Harris
12 S. Essex Ave
Baltimore, MD 21221

Re: Code Enforcement Case No. 97718

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a Final Order entered by Administrative Law Judge in the above captioned matter. Please note that under the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.) §3-6-205(d), this is a non-appealable Final Order, given that you failed to appear at the **September 21, 2011** Hearing scheduled for the captioned violation case.

The Judge imposed a civil penalty in the amount of **\$ 2,000.00**. You are required to make payment by cash, check or money order within 15 days of the date of this letter to:

**Baltimore County Office of Budget and Finance
400 Washington Avenue, Room 150
Towson, MD 21204**

Failure to make the payment as required by the enclosed Order will result in the imposition of a statutory lien against your property and/or the initiation of other collection efforts by Baltimore County. Please note that you have a continuing obligation to maintain your property in compliance with all laws. If you have any questions about this matter please contact your inspector at 410-887-3351.

Please also note that the Administrative Law Judge's Final Order requires you to correct within 7 days the violation detailed in the citation. Should you fail to comply with the Order within that time frame, be advised that Baltimore County may, with County employees or through a private contractor, enter upon your property to correct the violation. The costs and expenses of the property clean up are the responsibility of the owner, and if not paid may become a tax lien on your property.

Sincerely,
Original signed 09/23/11

ARNOLD JABLON,
Deputy Administrative Officer and Director
Permits, Approvals and Inspections

AJ/
Enclosure

Office of Administrative Hearings of Baltimore County
105 West Chesapeake Avenue Ste. 103
Towson, Maryland 21204
Baltimore County, Maryland

In the Matter of:

Civil Citation No. 97718

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Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
FINAL ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on September 21, 2011 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC). The Respondent was charged with violating BCC § 13-7-112, 115, 13-7-201, 13-7-310, 312, 3-6-401, 402, and Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) § 101, 102.1, and 1B01.1A: failure to cease open dump conditions, failure to eliminate sources of standing/ stagnant water, and failure to comply with hearing officer's ruling on residential property zoned DR 5.5 located at 12 S. Essex Avenue.

On September 9, 2011, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Christina Frink issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$23,200.00 (Twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars).

Christina Frink, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer, appeared for the September 21, 2011 Hearing, although the Respondent failed to appear. Under the BCC, failure to appear at a scheduled Hearing results in the entry of a final, non-appealable Order.

THEREFORE:

IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$ 2,000.00. If not paid within 30 days of billing, the \$2,000 penalty shall be placed as a lien upon the premises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Baltimore County shall be authorized (if the violation(s) detailed in the Citation are not corrected within 7 days of the date of this Order) to engage a contractor to enter upon the subject property and correct the violation(s) detailed in the Citation. The costs and expenses of such work shall be the responsibility of the Owner, and if not paid upon billing shall become a lien against the subject property in the same manner as real property taxes.

ORDERED this _____ day of September 2011

Signed: _____
John E. Beverungen
Administrative Law Judge